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ADVISED A PARDON.

READING OF THE PARDON BOARD  
IN THE TOOTH CASE.

Which Governor Culbertson  
Based the Commutation from  
Hanging to Imprisonment.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The  
reading recommendation of the board  
of pardons in the case of Jim Toole,  
convicted of murder, was presented to  
the governor.

After a careful consideration of the  
case as presented we conclude:  
First—If we view the case from the  
standpoint of the prosecution and con-  
sider only the agreed statement of  
facts it is clear that deceased, shortly  
after his arrest, possibly no more  
than thirty minutes, committed an as-  
sault upon the applicant which was  
of a law was unprovoked and in-  
stantaneous, and as a matter of fact was  
a simple and brutal. It seems to be  
probable that the sense of wrong  
aroused by the conduct of the de-  
ceased continued until the fatal re-  
sult.

Second—It is apparent that mischance  
was presented by the time  
the first difficulty occurred and the  
second meeting, inciting the officers  
of the applicant to violence and from  
the latter standpoint it is reasonable  
to believe that the sense of wrong  
aroused by the conduct of the de-  
ceased continued until the fatal re-  
sult.

Third—In cases of homicide the most  
deserving of pardon is a dying de-  
claration, and it is of the utmost im-  
portance that every fact and circumstance  
bearing upon the declaration should be  
submitted to those who may be called upon  
to pass upon its truth. In the present  
case the witness Lightfoot testified  
that deceased in his dying declaration  
admitted that applicant "was advancing  
toward him with a rock when he struck him  
with the club." The jury must have  
been satisfied that the witness was  
truthful, and that the declaration would  
be accepted.

Fourth—From the letters and state-  
ments submitted it seems to us that it  
cannot be doubted that in the minds  
of the most intelligent and right-  
thinking people of the community  
the homicide occurred there is a  
conviction and fixed opinion  
that the law demands not the  
warrant the infliction of death in  
this case. When we reflect that the  
applicant is a friendly negro and that  
his powerful influence was enlisted  
in the expression of public  
opinion is entitled to great weight.  
For the reasons stated we recom-  
mend that the sentence be commuted  
to life imprisonment.

**W. C. DENHAM.**  
**W. C. DENHAM.**  
The governor thereupon made the  
following order:

Recommendation of the board of  
pardon officers hereby accepted, and  
sentence of Jim Toole, alias Jim  
Toole, is commuted to imprisonment  
for the term of years at hard labor  
in the penitentiary.

**C. A. CULBERTSON.**  
Austin, Tex., Dec. 18, 1895.

**Greenwall's Opera House**  
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Today at 2:30.  
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## REPEALED

Proscription Against  
Ex-Confederates

REPEALED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF  
THE SENATE.

## CHRISTMAS PRESENT

NORTHERN SENATOR INTRODUCED  
THE BILL AND MANY  
VOTED FOR IT.

The House Held a Short Session and  
Then adjourned until next  
Thursday.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The senate to-  
day presented a Christmas present to  
the South, as Mr. L. B. New York  
aptly christened the bill repealing the  
proscriptive disabilities passed at the  
close of the war against the services of  
ex-Confederates in the United States  
army or navy. The passage of such a  
repeal without a dissenting vote in a  
senate having a Republican plurality  
with Northern senators taking the  
initiative is in marked contrast with  
former controversies in congress.

The Southern senators, with the exception  
of Mr. Daniel of Virginia, took no part  
in urging the repeal, and several of  
them, including Messrs. Walthall and  
Cockrell, who served in the Confederate  
army, voted for a postponement by  
reference to a committee.

But with such champions on the Re-  
publican side of the chamber as Messrs.  
Chandler, Hawley and Platt and on  
the Democratic side as Messrs. Hill and  
Vandever, the repeal was readily ac-  
complished.

In the two hours given to speeches on  
the measure there was the fullest ex-  
pression of a desire to bury war an-  
tiquities. The senate did little beyond  
debating and passing the bill.

After the presentation of a bill by  
Mr. Hawley (Rep., Conn.) authorizing  
the secretary of war to issue Spring-  
field rifles to state military organiza-  
tions in exchange for old guns, Mr.  
Squire (Rep., Wash.) spoke against the  
injustice of employing foreign engineers  
on American ships receiving subsidies  
from the United States, and offered a  
bill to overcome the practice.

The project of a pan-American politi-  
cal union, embracing North and South  
and Central American republics, was  
presented by Mr. Allen (Pop., Neb.).

Mr. Hill (Dem., N. Y.) again sought  
to secure the passage of the bill re-  
pealing the old proscriptive laws  
against the enlistment of ex-Confederates  
in the United States army or navy.

"It would be a most fitting and gen-  
erous Christmas present to the men of  
the South," said Mr. Hill.

Mr. Sherman (Rep., Ohio) suggested  
that there should be committee con-  
sideration.

"I will vote for this bill," said Mr.  
Sherman. "The time is past for such  
discrimination. But I do not wish to  
be understood as endorsing the action  
of the committee."

Mr. Chandler (Rep., N. H.) urged  
immediate action. Thirty years had  
elapsed since the war, and there was no  
reason for keeping this proscription,  
and there was abundant reason for  
repealing it.

"The other day," added Mr. Chan-  
dler, "we came to the support of a  
Democratic president on a question of  
national affairs, and I sincerely hope  
that the senate will today affirm its  
outlook and without a voice of  
opposition unanimously approve this  
repeal."

Mr. Gray (Dem., Del.) while favoring  
the legislation, believed commu-  
tation would secure the most fa-  
vorable result.

the senator from New York (Hill) in  
supporting this appeal.

Mr. Allen, speaking as a former private  
in the northern ranks, urged the re-  
peal and condemned the "bloody flag"  
politics of the past.

The senator caused some amusement  
by referring to the time when the com-  
mander in which he served captured  
the commander of the senator from  
Missouri (Mr. Cockrell).

Mr. Hill closed the debate by point-  
ing out the delays and absurdities of  
committee action.

Mr. Sherman moved to refer the bill  
to the committee on military affairs.  
The motion was defeated—8 to 20. This  
being short of a quorum a call of the  
senators revealed all senators present.

"It is evident," interrupted Mr. Sher-  
man, "that a majority of the senate  
wish to give this bill as a Christmas  
present to the South, and I therefore  
withdraw my motion for a reference."  
Thereupon, without division, the bill  
was passed.

Mr. Vest's resolution for coming the  
silver bullion in the treasury then  
came up. Mr. Vest presented some  
amended features. Mr. Morrill moved  
to refer the resolution to the judiciary  
committee. Mr. Vest demanded a roll  
call.

It looked like an unexpected test of  
the silver strength. To avoid this Mr.  
Morrill withdrew his resolution for a  
reference, and in his motion at 2 o'clock  
the senate adjourned until Friday.

**HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.**  
Message from Brazilian Chamber of  
Deputies—Resolutions.

Washington, Dec. 24.—When the  
house met today the attendance was  
small. Mr. Cooper (Dem., Fla.) secured  
unanimous consent for the passing of  
a bill making Palm Beach, Fla., a port  
of entry and delivery.

Mr. Turner (Dem., Ga.) called atten-  
tion to the resolution introduced by  
Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma, calling  
upon the secretary of the interior for  
an explanation of the alleged delay in  
the opening of the Wichita reserva-  
tion. There had been, he said, no re-  
ply on the Democratic side at the time  
of the statement of Secretary Smith's  
course. Since then the secretary had  
written an elaborate reply to what Mr.  
Flynn asked, and he wanted it printed  
in the record. Mr. Baker (Rep., N. H.)  
objected.

On motion of Mr. Dingley (Rep., Me.)  
a resolution for the distribution and  
reference of the president's message to  
the committees having jurisdiction on  
the subjects dealt with was adopted.

A short but ineffectual effort was  
made by Mr. Lacey (Rep., Ia.) to have  
the portion relating to the Nicaragua  
canal go to the committee on railways  
and canals instead of foreign com-  
merce.

Chairman Hepburn of the latter com-  
mittee, said that the jurisdiction of the  
committee on railways and canals was  
confined to canals within the terri-  
torial jurisdiction of the United States.

Mr. Shafroth (Rep., Col.) asked un-  
animous consent for the consideration of  
a resolution authorizing mineral en-  
tries to be made on forest reservations.  
Mr. Shafroth explained that in view  
of gold discoveries there he thought it  
important that they be opened to the  
location of mining claims.

Mr. Cripe (Dem., Cal.) objected.  
The speaker laid before the house the  
following cable communication, which  
was received with a burst of applause:

"Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.—President  
Chamber of Representatives of the  
United States. The chamber of deputies  
of the United States of Brazil con-  
gratulates the chamber of Represen-  
tatives of the North American Union  
for the President's message, which so  
nobly and highly defends the rights  
and liberties of the American nation  
convinced in Monroe's principles."

**"ROSA E. SILVA,"**  
"Presidente."

The house then at 12:40 adjourned  
until Thursday.

## DRAFTING

A Substitute Financial  
Measure.

CONGRESSMEN CRISP AND BAILEY  
HARD AT WORK.

## SILVER SEIGNIORAGE

MEASURE IS TO BE REVISED AND  
PRESENTED TO THE HOUSE  
THURSDAY.

Republican Members of Ways and  
Means Committee Confer Again  
On Revenue Bills.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—A plan  
has been drafted by ex-speaker Crisp  
and Mr. Bailey of Texas which will be  
offered as a substitute for the Republi-  
can measure to be presented Thursday.  
It is based upon the old bill for cen-  
sage of silver seigniorage which was  
passed by the last congress and vetoed  
by the president, but to this bill will  
be added a feature for redemption of  
greenbacks. The principal change in  
the seigniorage bill will be the im-  
position of that part which rendered avail-  
able the seigniorage before it had been  
coined by the use of silver certificates  
based upon it.

The framers of the bill hold that  
this feature is not necessary because  
there is no immediate deficiency which  
the present amount of silver in the  
treasury.

The other features of the plan will  
provide for the redemption of green-  
backs in silver whenever the amount  
of gold in the treasury falls below  
\$100,000,000. This may be done by an  
amendment to the seigniorage bill, as  
more votes can be obtained for it  
former than the latter proposition. The  
Democrats who favor the plan intend  
to drop the clause putting greenback  
of course merely to place themselves  
on record as consistent in their finan-  
cial policy.

The Republican members of the  
ways and means committee held an-  
other conference this afternoon and  
decided upon several changes in the  
two revenue bills which will be in-  
troduced in the house Thursday. The  
most important change in the tariff bill  
will be to drop the clause putting the  
tariff on a basis of reciprocity.

It was also decided to ad-  
vance carpet wool to the McKinley  
bill rates, but other wool and manu-  
factured products of wool will remain  
at 60 per cent of the McKinley law  
according to the agreement of yesterday.

The proposed changes were to exempt  
sugar from the provisions for a 50 per  
cent advance of 15 per cent. Lumber  
will remain as was decided yesterday,  
at 60 per cent of the McKinley law.

In the bond bill the principal law  
authorized will be a change of rate of  
interest authorized by the act of 1912.  
Interest will be payable at the option  
of the government after three years.  
The rate of interest for the one year term  
will be 4 per cent, and for the two  
year term 5 per cent, and for the three  
year term 6 per cent.

This bill will also provide for the tem-  
porary isolation of the greenbacks so  
that they will be held separate in the  
treasury and not in the general  
fund.

There has been little doubt since the  
beginning that sugar would be ex-  
empted from whatever tariff changes  
made, because any attempt to alter the  
schedule would give rise to compla-  
inments. Members of the committee say  
these bills are not intended in any way  
to represent Republican policies in the  
general sense, but are merely a com-  
promise to meet an emergency.

Republicans holding that the em-  
ergency is caused by an "anarchy of  
revenue."

Chairman Dingley had a conference  
with Secretary Carlisle today about  
the bill. Tomorrow both bills will  
be adopted by a meeting of the com-  
mittee which the Democrats will at-  
tend. They will be presented to the  
house Thursday.

Popular senators conferred to-  
day and decided to offer a free coin-  
age bill as an amendment to either  
the tariff or bond bill, but mainly to  
bring the tariff to the floor. The Popu-  
lists are far from the duty on wool, but  
against a raise in duties on woolen  
goods.

**INSPECTING COAST DEFENSES.**  
General Miles Makes a Visit of In-  
spection to Fort Monroe.

Washington, Dec. 24.—It is now  
known that the main purpose of  
General Miles' visit to the cities of  
the South Atlantic coast was to ac-  
certain by personal inspection the ac-  
tual condition of the coast defenses  
at that section, and to call the atten-  
tion of the southern people to the ex-  
posed position they would occupy in  
the event of hostilities. He was tar-  
geted by the press for his visit to  
ticularly taken were the barracks at Fort  
Monroe, which are required not only  
to guard the national capital and Bal-  
timore, Richmond and Norfolk from  
attack by water, but also to form  
an important base of naval opera-  
tions and a safe refuge for our war-  
ships in the event that they are forced  
to retire before an overwhelming his-  
panic naval force. Although the war de-  
partment has very little money  
available, it probably will be im-  
mediate steps to improve the defense  
works, relying upon the congress to re-  
store appropriations from congress to re-  
store the works to the standing they had at  
the breaking out of the civil war.

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COUNTRIES.	TARIFF PER CENT.	AVERAGE TARIFF PER CENT.	
Austria, . . .	5.4	6.2	
Germany, . . .	1.97	7.4	
France, . . .	1.88	7.75	
Turkey, . . .	2.65	8.	
Natal, . . .	2.80	8.7	
New South Wales, . . .	9.10	9.2	
Sweden, . . .	2.00	9.5	
Corea, . . .	.04	10.	
Norway, . . .	3.00	10.5	
Hawaii, . . .	6.63	10.8	
Victoria, . . .	10.80	12.	
Fiji Islands, . . .	1.08	13.	
Spain, . . .	1.71	16.6	
Tasmania, . . .	11.30	18.	
Russia, . . .	.68	19.	
Canada, . . .	4.55	20.	
Greece, . . .	2.22	20.7	
China, . . .	.08	21.	
Italy, . . .	1.48	21.	
New Zealand, . . .	12.30	22.7	
Queensland, . . .	14.80	25.	
Costa Rica, . . .	6.50	27.	
United States, . . .	2.66	28.7	
Haiti, . . .	9.10	30.	
Uruguay, . . .	12.80	30.	
Argentine Republic, . . .	8.50	32.3	
Ecuador, . . .	1.82	32.5	
Portugal, . . .	4.00	33.3	
Brazil, . . .	8.35	34.5	
Venezuela, . . .	2.05	40.	
Peru, . . .	1.23	41.	
Maxico, . . .	1.95	48.	
Paraguay, . . .	2.65	50.	
Chili, . . .	12.00	61.	
San Domingo, . . .	5.20	73.	

and Secretary Olney, who was detained  
at the state department to receive the  
house foreign affairs committee, who  
called to pay their respects, was pre-  
sent only during the last half hour.

There was a message of Christmas in  
the air at the White House in the num-  
ber of closely wrapped parcels of all  
sizes that began to come early in the  
day by mail, express and every  
member of the household, not forget-  
ting the babies.

The president himself remembered  
all of the faithful employees of the house  
and bestowed tokens upon them for  
their Christmas dinners.

## SENATE COMMITTEES.

**Under Consideration by Democratic  
Steering Committee.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Democr-  
atic steering committee made considerable  
progress today in the assignment to  
places on the senate committees and  
notified the Republican senators they  
would be able to complete the work so  
as to report by the last of the week,  
and the senate could reorganize its com-  
mittees by January 1.

It is settled that Senator Faulkner  
(W. Va.) will go on the appropriations  
committee and Fasco (Fla.) on the  
commerce. There is a contest between  
Senators Call and Hill for a vacancy  
on foreign relations. The chairmanships  
of the seven minority committees give  
the Democrats will be parcelled out  
according to seniority of service.

**LOOKING FOR MEMBERS.**  
President Considers Personnel of  
Venezuelan Commission.

Fuller of the United States supreme  
court should lead the commission, but  
there are said to be reasons why it  
would be inexpedient for the chief jus-  
tice to relinquish, even for a short time,  
his position on the supreme court  
bench. It has not been determined yet,  
and Mr. Fuller may not be called on to  
form one of the commission. Mr. E. J.  
Phelps, it is believed, has already been  
offered a place on the commission, and  
if he has not accepted, it is thought he  
will surely do so.

The fact that Mr. Justice Harlan of  
the supreme court served in the Re-  
publican commission has naturally  
prompted forward his name in con-  
nection with the Venezuelan question,  
but there are good reasons to believe that  
his name has been passed over. The  
name of ex-Senator George F. Ed-  
munds of Vermont has been considered,  
but whether he would accept is by no  
means certain, nor can it be stated  
positively that the president is fully  
satisfied as to the expediency of his  
appointment.

Many other names have been sug-  
gested and are now under considera-  
tion, owing to the adjournment of the  
senate until Friday and the house un-  
til Thursday, no announcement of the  
commission is likely to be made until  
late in the week.

## AS AN ACT OF COURTESY.

**Spain Will Permit an Investigation  
of the Records.**

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the  
Standard from Madrid says that the  
correspondent understands that Spain  
will not object to the American com-  
mission consulting the Spanish archi-  
ves about Venezuela, but will clearly  
intimate that this is an act of courtesy,  
which does not apply the slightest ad-  
mission of the Monroe doctrine.

A dispatch from Moscow to the  
Standard says that the entire Russian  
press discusses the chances of a con-  
flict between England and America on  
an enthusiastic line and in a tone hos-  
tile to England.

A Vienna correspondent of the  
Standard quotes a source who had  
an interview in Paris with Raimundo  
Palacio, ex-president of Venezuela, in  
which he declared that neither Ven-  
ezuela nor the United States could yield

and that the question could only be  
settled by arbitration, but that it was  
well known both in Venezuela and the  
United States that there would be no  
war.

## TRAFFIC AGREEMENT

**Given to the Senate by Interstate  
Commerce Commission.**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Chairman  
Morrison of the interstate com-  
merce commission today sent to  
the senate in response to a resolution  
introduced by Senator Peffer, a report  
on the joint traffic agreement recently  
entered into by the principal railroad  
companies operating between the At-  
lantic seaboard and the Western  
states. Mr. Morrison says that inas-  
much as the agreement is yet incom-  
plete the commission cannot determine  
whether the contract which may be  
finally perfected will be in conflict  
with the provisions of the interstate  
commerce law.

## Charters Applied For.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The  
following charters were today filed  
with the secretary of state:  
The "Galveston Cycle company" of  
Galveston. Capital stock, \$25,000. In-  
corporators: W. R. Polla, Joseph La-  
salle, Jr., M. S. Waller, Edward Mc-  
Carthy and E. H. Labadie. The cor-  
poration is formed for the purpose of  
carrying on a general bicycle busi-  
ness, to own, rent, etc., and to own, rent,  
sell and buy real estate in connection  
with the business; to build bicycle  
tracks and establish a training school  
for bicycle riders.

The "Commercial Lumber company"  
of Gilmer, Upshur county. Capital  
stock, \$100,000. Incorporators: A. L.  
Clark of Tyler and B. Wilkins and M.  
E. Sullenger of Gilmer. The pur-  
pose of the company is the manufac-  
ture and sale of lumber and building  
materials of all kinds, and the pur-  
chase and sale of such goods, wares  
and merchandise as may be used for  
such business.

## Foot Ball Today.

Today is the day for the two foot-  
ball games between Fort Worth and  
Dallas.